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1. STEPHEN S. ROSENFELD, MEMBER OF WASHINGTON POST EDITORIAL BOARD IN OP-ED PAGE ARTICLE, CONCLUDES THAT "WITH GOOD TREATY AND WELL-MADE CASE FOR IT, SALT CAN BE SOLD." ROSENFELD WAS IN HARTFORD LAST TUESDAY WHEN PAUL WARNKE AND EUGENE ROSTOW SPOKE AT CONFERENCE ON "U.S. SECURITY AND SOVIET CHALLENGE." LISTENING TO ROSTOW, ROSENFELD SAID, "I FELT THAT SOME PART OF CASE AGAINST SALT TWO TRADES ON

GENERAL FEELING THAT ADMINISTRATION IS DOING POORLY, AND ANOTHER PART ON GENERAL APPREHENSION AND DISTASTE FELT FOR SOVIET POLICY, INTERNATIONAL AND INTERNAL. SALT IS LODGED BETWEEN ADMINISTRATION'S INFIRMITIES AND KREMLIN'S INIQUITIES -- HARDLY COMFORTABLE PLACE." HE SAID WARNKE "PRESENTED ARMS CONTROL AS POLICY OF PRUDENCE AND MODESTY, NOT OF IDEALISM OR GREAT EXPECTATIONS. HE STRESSED EXTENT TO WHICH SALT COULD SERVE SECURITY OBJECTIVES OF SORT MOST OFTEN IDENTIFIED WITH PENTAGON. HE UNDERLINED CONCESSIONS RUSSIANS HAVE MADE, AND MILITARY, INTELLIGENCE AND TECHNOLOGICAL STRENGTHS U.S. RETAINS." ROSENFELD SAID WHAT MOST STRUCK HIM AND OTHER OBSERVERS WAS THAT "DIFFER-

ENCES BETWEEN ROSTOW AND WARNKE ON MERITS OF TREATY WERE LESS MARKED AND INTENSE THAN DIFFERENCES IN THEIR APPROACHES TO DEALING WITH RUSSIANS -- ROSTOW BEING PROFOUNDLY WARY AND WARNKE CAUTIOUSLY CONFIDENT. THAT IS, POLITICALLY, SALT WILL RISE OR FALL NOT ON ITS TERMS BUT ON OVERALL SENSE OF HOW CARTER AND COUNTRY ARE COPING WITH SOVIET UNION." ROSENFELD SAID HARTFORD SESSION SUGGESTED THAT PRESENTATION OF SALT CAN MATTER. WARNKE, HE SAID, DEMONSTRATED THAT THERE IS AN EFFECTIVE WAY TO SELL SALT. ALTHOUGH WARNKE HAS TIME ONLY FOR LIMITED AMOUNT OF SALT-SELLING, ROSENFELD SAID "HIS CAREFUL EXPERT APPROACH, RESPECTFUL OF PEOPLE'S DOUBTS AND ANXIETIES, CAN SURELY UNCLASSIFIED

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BE CLONED."

2. WASHINGTON POST PUBLISHED UPI DISPATCH FROM NEW DELHI QUOTING PRIME MINISTER DESAI AS SAYING THAT INDIA'S UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR BLAST IN MAY 1974 LEFT LARGE QUANTITIES OF PLUTONIUM BEHIND AND "GOD KNOWS HOW MUCH DANGER IT POSES." SPEAKING IN PARLIAMENT, DESAI SAID EXPLOSION WAS "CONDUCTED FOR POLITICAL AND NO OTHER PURPOSES. IT HAS CREATED TROUBLES WITHOUT GAINING ANYTHING."

3. ADAM CLYMER IN NEW YORK TIMES NEWS ANALYSIS SAID ADMINISTRATION'S VICTORY IN SENATE ON ENDING TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO "SHOWED THAT DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION STILL NEEDED REPUBLICAN VOTES." HE SAID "THAT NEED SUGGESTS FUTURE DIFFICULTIES BECAUSE, AS MINORITY LEADER, SENATOR HOWARD B. BAKER, JR., SAID TODAY, 'I'M GETTING TIRED OF DOING RIGHT THING.' MR. BAKER WAS BEING FLIP, BUT HE REFLECTED REPUBLICAN ANNOYANCE AT BEING ASKED TO DO MORE ON DIFFICULT ISSUES LIKE TURKISH ARMS OR MIDDLE EAST FIGHTER PLANES THAN DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY WOULD DO FOR DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT...DESPITE SENATOR BAKER'S REMARK, ADMINISTRATION CAN PROBABLY CONTINUE TO COUNT ON REPUB-

LICAN VOTES IN SITUATIONS WHERE ITS POLICY AGREES WITH THAT
OF FORD ADMINISTRATION...BUT WHEN ISSUE IS NEW, OR POLICY
SEEMS DIFFERENT, REPUBLICANS MAY NOT NECESSARILY GO
ALONG..." CHRISTOPHER

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